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Drew Dawson Honored with Rocco V. Morando Lifetime Achievement Award

The National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT) has presented its 2006 Rocco V. Morando Lifetime Achievement Award, which is sponsored by the National Registry of EMTs, to Drew Dawson of Washington, DC.

Dawson received his award at the NAEMT Annual Awards Dinner in Las Vegas on September 29. The dinner, which was sponsored by Wheeled Coach, concluded the NAEMT Annual Meeting and EMS EXPO 2006.

Dawson is the director of the Office of Emergency Medical Services for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). He was the 2005 recipient of the Department of Transportation Secretary's Award for Meritorious Achievement, and he received the NHTSA Administrator's Award in 2004.

Dawson has been involved with EMS since 1972. He is a former president of the National Association of State EMS Directors and a former chair of the Montana 9-1-1 Advisory Council. He served as the chief of the EMS bureau of the Montana Department of Health and Environmental Services from 1976 to 1996 and was the chief of the Health Systems Bureau for the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services from 1999 to 2003, when he moved to Washington to work for NHTSA.

NAEMT is a national association of EMTs and paramedics that represents paid and volunteer EMS workers worldwide. NAEMT's goal is to serve its members through educational programs, information services, membership benefits, effective representation, and recognition of the professionalism and dedication of the men and women who provide prehospital medical care.

Each year, NAEMT recognizes excellence in various areas of prehospital medical care with the presentation of individual and organizational achievement awards. These awards honor America's EMS providers and organizations that demonstrate exceptional leadership within the profession and outstanding commitment to prehospital medical care. For more information, visit the NAEMT Web site at www.naemt.org.

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